THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The number of persons made literate during the last five years is as follows:

Year	No. of persons made Literate (in lakhs)
2002-03	61.33
2003-04	79.45
2004-05	39.74
2005-06	42.93
2006-07	23.04

(e) Does not arise.

Seats reserved for SCs and STs

1444.SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a number of seats reserved for SC/ST students are not yet filled in IITs and other universities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government is going to fill up all the reserved seats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Candidates belonging to SC/ST categories are admitted on the basis of relaxed criteria as compared to General category candidates. In the event of the reserved seats remaining unfilled, IIT candidates are admitted to one-year Preparatory Course on further relaxation of qualifying criteria. Due to infrastructural constraints, no preparatory course admission could be made in the six new IITs in 2008-09. Similarly, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has a special scheme, namely, Remedial Coaching for SC/ST students to improve their academic skills and linguistic proficiency and to raise the level of comprehension of basic subjects so as to provide them a stronger foundation for further academic work.

Special mid-day meals in backward areas

1445.MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up plans for special mid-day meals during summer vacations in primary schools in most backward areas, where drought situation might develop, if monsoon fails;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter alia*, indicating the pockets in Orissa and Jharkhand where such arrangements are proposed to be made; and

(c) what is the feedback of Mid-Day Meal Scheme which started from early 2005 and how far it has improved in the tribal/SC regions of Jharkhand and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The guidelines of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme provide for Central Assistance for cooked Mid-Day Meal during summer vacations to children of primary and upper primary schools in areas declared as drought-affected by State Governments.

(b) On the request of State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Mizoram, Central Assistance, as per details given below, has been provided to these States so far for providing cooked mid-day meal during summer vacations in drought affected areas:-

Name of State	Year	Foodgrain Allocated (in MTs)	Recurring Central Assistance released (Rs. in Lacs)
Madhya Pradesh (21 Districts)	2005-06	8415.30	715.30
Madhya Pradesh (151 Tehsils)	2008-09	26393.70	4472.90
Uttar Pradesh (9 Districts)	2008-09	7589.27	1238.65
Mizoram (Whole State)	2008-09	734.21	35.00 (25% of admissible of Rs. 140.61 Lacs)

The States of Orissa and Jharkhand have not made any proposals in this regard.

(c) The State Governments of Orissa and Jharkhand have reported that the scheme has attracted the students of tribal/SC regions and resulted in increase in enrollment and decrease in dropout rates.

Corpus fund of IIMs

1446.SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkata to raise funds and build a corpus of their own;

(b) if so, when the permission was given;

(c) the respective funds available as corpus with each of these three IIMs;

(d) whether these funds of IIMs are meant to help brilliant young people of all communities from rural areas; and

(e) the steps proposed to select, guide and admit students from minority communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government has allowed the IIMs at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkata to raise funds and build a corpus of their own under Revised Pattern of Funding in the year 1994.

(c) The corpus with each of these three IIMs at Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkata as on 31.03.2008 is Rs.5009.72 lakh, Rs.3614.00 lakh and Rs. 11018.00 lakh respectively.